

## Origin and Purpose

The Wyoming CRM program was initiated and developed by a wide variety of agencies, groups, and individuals interested in the wise use of natural resources in Wyoming. Our state consists of large amounts of public lands intermingled with private lands which makes resource planning difficult. Wyoming CRM was formulated and designed as an approach to improve cooperation and coordination of resource owners, users, and managers in making decisions about how natural resources can best be used and managed. It was designed to increase communication and trust among the decision-makers of Wyoming's natural resources.

This approach uses the best efforts and knowledge of everyone involved - private landowners, interested federal and state management agencies, and other specialists. As a group they inventory the planning area, analyze the information available, and identify and define common goals and objectives. Next, they evaluate management alternatives and opportunities, arrive at management decisions which are acceptable and suitable, prepare a written plan, implement the decisions, monitor results and revise as necessary.

Coordinated resource management is a voluntary, usually producer-initiated, planning process that establishes resource goals by unanimous consent.

CRM places long-term resource management in a position of importance for the landowner or manager who must make a living from the land. At the same time it provides for the maximum use benefits of local and national interest. CRM is an approach to natural resource management conducted by local people familiar with the planning area. Specialists from outside the local area may assist by providing information, but only those people involved at the local level can make lasting decisions that remain in effect because of mutual trust in each other and faith in the value of the process.

### *Goals*

The goal of CRM is to:

Serve as a vehicle to reach an agreement that will improve natural resource values for all users and promote quality natural resource management through collaborative efforts

### *Objectives*

The stated objectives of CRM are to:

1. Encourage coordination and cooperation of natural resource management efforts between local landowners and permittees and local land management agencies and personnel
2. Provide for optimum public and private benefit from the land and its resources;
3. Improve or maintain natural resources for the benefit of domestic livestock and wildlife, watershed values, water quality improvement, wetland and riparian management, recreational opportunities, and other uses important in the CRM area;
4. Provide for public involvement on public land natural resource management decisions;

5. Allow decisions to be made focusing on what is good for the resource, rather than what is good for a single interest; and
6. Improve natural resource values for all users.

*Benefits*

- Fishery habitat improvement
- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Forage increase for domestic livestock
- Increased understanding, communication, involvement .
- Economic gains to all land users
- Drainage outflow reduction
- Fire hazard reduction
- Agricultural crop improvement
- Watershed enhancement
- Range improvement
- Timber improvement
- Improved recreation opportunities